

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A graphical user interface for a computing device comprising:
a radial menu including a plurality of first level menu items in a circumferential arrangement, wherein navigation of the radial menu is effected only in a clockwise or counter-clockwise direction and a position of the plurality of the first level menu items is maintained when the radial menu is navigated;

the graphical user interface being configured such that a selection of one of the plurality of first level menu items causes a plurality of second level menu items associated with the one first level menu item to replace the first level menu items in the circumferential arrangement.

2. (original) The graphical user interface of claim 1 wherein the radial menu further includes a central object disposed within the circumferential arrangement.

3. (previously presented) The graphical user interface of claim 2 wherein the central object includes accompanying text or an icon to represent a user operation.

4. (original) The graphical user interface of claim 3 wherein the user operation includes replacing the radial menu with a menu in a list format.

5. (previously presented) The graphical user interface of claim 3 wherein the user operation includes displaying the first level menu items in conjunction with a menu in list format.

6. (original) The graphical user interface of claim 1 wherein the plurality of first level menu items are populated according to a default configuration.

7. (original) The graphical user interface of claim 1 wherein the plurality of first level menu items can be populated according to a user preference.
8. (original) The graphical user interface of claim 1 further comprising a list format of menu items adjacent to the radial menu.
9. (previously presented) The graphical user interface of claim 8 wherein the graphical user interface is further configured to allow menu items to be exchanged between the list format and the radial menu.
10. (previously presented) The graphical user interface of claim 1 wherein at least one of the plurality of first level menu items includes accompanying text or an icon to represent a link to another menu level.
11. (previously presented) The graphical user interface of claim 1 wherein at least one of the plurality of second level menu items includes accompanying text or an icon to represent a link to an application.

12. (currently amended) A computing device comprising:

a display screen;

a processor configured to present a graphical user interface on the display screen, the graphical user interface comprising a radial menu including a plurality of first level menu items in a circumferential arrangement, wherein navigation of the radial menu is effected only in a clockwise or counter-clockwise direction and a position of the plurality of the first level menu items is maintained when the radial menu is navigated;

the graphical user interface being configured such that a selection of one of the plurality of first level menu items causes a plurality of second level menu items associated with the one first level menu item to replace the first level menu items in the circumferential arrangement; and

an input device configured to send a user input to the processor for navigating the radial menu.

13. (original) The computing device of claim 12 wherein the computing device is a handheld device.

14. (original) The computing device of claim 12 further comprising an actuator for producing a tactile feedback, the processor being further configured to signal the actuator to produce the tactile feedback as the radial menu is navigated.

15. (original) The computing device of claim 12 wherein the input device is an analog input device comprising a two-axis joystick mechanically biased to a center position.

16. (original) The computing device of claim 15 wherein selection of a first or second menu item is effected by returning the joystick to the center position.

17. (previously presented) A computing system comprising:
- a display screen;
 - a processor configured to present a graphical user interface on the display screen, the graphical user interface comprising a radial menu; and
 - a handheld device coupled to the processor including:
 - input means configured to send a user input to the processor for navigating a plurality of items in the radial menu, wherein the radial menu is configured to allow for navigation only in a clockwise or counter-clockwise direction and a position of the plurality of the items is maintained when the radial menu is navigated, and
 - an actuator for producing a tactile feedback, the processor being further configured to signal the actuator to produce the tactile feedback as the radial menu is navigated, wherein an intensity of the tactile feedback corresponds to an identity of each of the plurality of items in the radial menu.
18. (previously presented) The computing system of claim 17 wherein the display screen and the processor are integrated within the handheld device.
19. (cancelled)
20. (previously presented) The computing system of claim 17 wherein the tactile feedback is a vibration.
21. (previously presented) The computing system of claim 17 wherein the input means is an analog input device.
22. (previously presented) The computing system of claim 17 wherein the processor is further configured to signal the actuator to produce the tactile feedback only when a menu item is selected.

23. (previously presented) The computing system of claim 17 further configured to produce a sound when the actuator is signaled to produce the tactile feedback.

24. (cancelled)